

The beauty pageant will start at 7 p.m., and the doors will open at 6 p.m. The ticket price is \$5 for public admission and \$3 for all Jones students with student ID.

# Jones introduces new production major

**TORI ELLIS**  
NEWS EDITOR

This year, the Fine Arts department is implementing their very first production class that will provide a new degree path for students in the music industry.

“With this new degree opportunity, we will be preparing students for work in the recording arts field,” said Bruce Smith, Director of the Fine Arts Department.

“We have a new recording studio and with that we have three degree paths that students can take with Delta State, Southern Miss, Belmont and any other universities. However, Jones does have an articulation agreement with Delta State.

“Students now have the chance to go into entrepreneurship, recording arts, and a lot of different avenues to get there and obtain their career goals, so it's really exciting for our students in that they get to choose the path that they want to go, and their emphasis will be a certain way and how they actually want it.”

A graduate of Jones and Ole Miss, Smith has experience as an entertainer in Nashville, New



Rob Breland and Zach Gregore are two students who take classes in the new production studio, located in the Humanities Building. The studio prepares students to work in the recording arts field. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

York, LA and even in the cruise line industry for a number of years, but said that Nashville is his favorite due to being such an industry-driven city. With his background in entertainment and music, Smith has helped with the marketing of the new major.

Throughout the duration of the music industry degree, students will be taught the basics such as what they need to know to work with some of the industry standard programs and how to gain a sense of confidence in

what they are wanting to do as a career.

Zachary Gregore is majoring in music production at Jones. He has been interested in music since he was three years old, when he picked up his first pair of drumsticks. Gregore plans to have a career as a music producer/audio engineer.

“I think Jones made a very smart investment in this new degree,” said Gregore. “It open up doors that were previously locked before and overall broadens the horizon for students/future students by offering more to the table.”

Matt McGuffie, the music industry professor, received his undergrad at Southern Miss and his masters at William Carey. He is a recording artist and teaches both guitar and music production in the new studio on the Jones campus, located in the humanities building.

“We had classic guitar before but not like this,” said Smith. “We have guitars for our students so all they have to do now is just show up and say, ‘Hey, I want to learn to play guitar,’ and we provide ten spots that are

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# Fine arts gears up for new ArtRageous event

**TORI ELLIS**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Jones Fine Arts Department has been working vigorously to provide an exciting and new event that delivers onlookers with the opportunity to witness each of its performance groups in one night.

“Artrageous” will consist of a mix of musical talent, provided by JC Voices, Touch of Gold Dance Team, JC Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Jones on Stage and the Theater Department, as well as visual art presentations.

Performing with the JC Jazz band is special guest and New Orleans native, Doreen Ketchens, also known as the “Queen of the Clarinet.”

“This could be a yearly event because there is endless amounts of art,” said Bruce Smith, the director of the event. “This truly has something for everybody.”

The idea of this is event is to combine visual and performing arts into one performance, and all Fine Arts faculty are involved with the event. During the production, the audience will see a speed painter, a flamenco guitar performance, a piano sonata with shadow puppetry, multimedia cartoons, Madrigals and several

other surprises.

This special event will be held in the M.P. Bush Fine Arts Auditorium on Thursday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Artrageous is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please call 601-477-4203.

# Gallery to host Ramsey in November

**HANNAH MORGAN**  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Whitson Ramsey, a local artist native to Jackson, will host his paintings and drawings at the Eula Bass Lewis Center beginning Nov.4. Although his artwork consists of light sketches and oil paintings of people and everyday objects, such as plants, chairs and animals, Ramsey's well-known work rests in that of his models and people.

Ramsey studied drawing and painting at the University of Southern Mississippi. On Oct. 16, Ramsey participated in USM's National Painting Exhibition. With his painting titled “Painting in a Painting,” he was able to win the third-place prize in the show.

“The act of painting is more interesting to me than finishing a painting. I leave each piece in some state of progress so that one would be left with the wonder of what the piece could become,” Ramsey states in his artist's statement.

With a unique mixture of oils, sand, graphite and charcoal, Ramsey is able to fabricate the expression of his chosen models and express their body language in his paintings. Ramsey has created artwork that he titles “Seeing Doubles,” which contain several paintings of which he paints a double. However, each double has a different, subtle change.

In Ramsey's painting “Double Morgan,” he sets the tone of his work by using oils and pastels to show the model's concerned expression. In the double, Ramsey shifts the proportion of her body and seemingly brings the model closer on the canvas.

When it comes to his drawings and sketches, Ramsey uses charcoal and BFK Rives, which is paper made of 100 percent cotton that is able to absorb all mediums, to form the faces and body shapes of people. In his sketches, Ramsey focuses mainly on that of people's body shapes and hands, while using graphite or a mixture of graphite and charcoal.

With his drawing titled “Matthew,” Ramsey is able to portray the model's dense facial expression and relaxed body language, along with the deep contrast of the model's clothing, while using charcoal on blank, white paper.

Ramsey emphasizes that his inspiration “is the human connection I share with the people in my life. I paint people who mean something to me, and for that I don't think I will ever run out of subject matter.”

With the talent that Ramsey has, his artwork deserves to be shown to all audiences, and Jones College has the privilege of hosting him from Nov. 4 to Dec. 4 at the gallery.



One of Ramsey's pieces on display during his show in the Eula Bass Lewis Gallery. PHOTO PROVIDED BY WHITSON RAMSEY

# Homecoming events excite students and alumni

**TORI ELLIS**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Bobcats, who are currently 6-2 and ranked number 14 this football season, defeated the Pearl River Wildcats during JCJC's homecoming weekend with a score of 49-6.

Students and alumni participated in various homecoming events leading up to kickoff, with thousands of attendees in the stands of Bobcat Stadium at Sim Cooley Field. These events included a glow pep-rally on that Thursday night, a parade, pep rally and tailgating on Saturday morning, as well as a reunion for alumni.

As for the game, Fred Barnum made a 64 yard touchdown pass to running-back Ladamiam Webb; as well as a 56 yard pass to wide receiver, Jacory Rankin.

During halftime, the elected court entered onto the field and consisted of Jazmin King as Homecoming Queen, Abby McNeil as Student Body Maid, Ashley Allen and Taniya Young as Sophomore Maids, Dariyel Johnson and Caidyn Crowder as Freshmen Maids and Ethan Cummins and Jada King as Mr. and Mrs. JC.

Also involved were flower girl, Greenly Massey Flowers, the daughter of Austin and Tessa Flowers of Ellisville, and crown bearer Beau Brewer, the son of Callie and Ron Brewer.

“One of my favorite things about homecoming



Jazmin King, homecoming queen, and her escort, W.C. Washington, ride the court float onto the football field before the start of the game the afternoon of Oct. 5. PHOTO BY CATIE HUNTER

is the dresses all the maids and queen get to wear,” said Hannah Nichols. “It's really fun to see them all on the field together as well as in the parade.”

# Fake news

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and updates.

“Facebook refuses to publicly acknowledge that conservatives have been disproportionately affected by their content policies. We have waited over a year for Facebook to properly address the long list of issues raised by the conservative movement, but have received nothing of substance in return,” said Bozell.

It is a difficult task to please all sides, which is why conducting one's own research is best. To combat the problem of fake news spread through social media, websites and platforms are having accounts fact checked and suspended if they turn out to be a hoax.

“It's a full time job trying to keep up with what is real and what is fake online,” said freshman John Holbrook.



# Automotive students repair ambulances for Africa

CHEYANNA GORSUCH  
FEATURES EDITOR

Students in the automotive technology program, directed by instructor Barry Bradshaw, are repairing ambulances to be sent to Africa to help regions that are in need, such as the rural areas of Ghana and Cameroon. Ajume Wingo is the founder of HealUs-Africa and also the prince from Nso in the northeast region of Cameroon. Five years ago, Wingo put HealUs-Africa in motion because he wanted to help the poor in his kingdom. “In many parts of Africa, there are almost zero doctors,” said Wingo. “If you are sick in a rural area,

it will take five hours to get to a city with medical help.” It was Wingo’s idea to have ambulances manned with medical personnel driving to the rural areas to help locals. His plan is to have 20 ambulances, reaching 5 million people in the region. “It’s a \$100,000 savings by having Jones fix them,” said Wingo. Students will work on a total of six non-working ambulances from Tennessee, California and Mississippi. They’ve already repaired four and are working on the last two. Once all the ambulances are repaired, they will be shipped overseas. Some of the

problems the ambulances had were minor according to Bradshaw. Most of the ambulances needed new batteries and some needed new lighting. According to Bradshaw, the completion of the ambulances usually took a week to complete once they received all the parts needed. The benefits for the students include the opportunity to participate in a humanitarian project as well as providing them with experience in working on vehicles not usually available for the class. Once the project is completed, people in Africa will be provided with needed medical attention and transportation,



Students Austin Dearmon (foreground) and Deondrius Willis work on an ambulance in class.

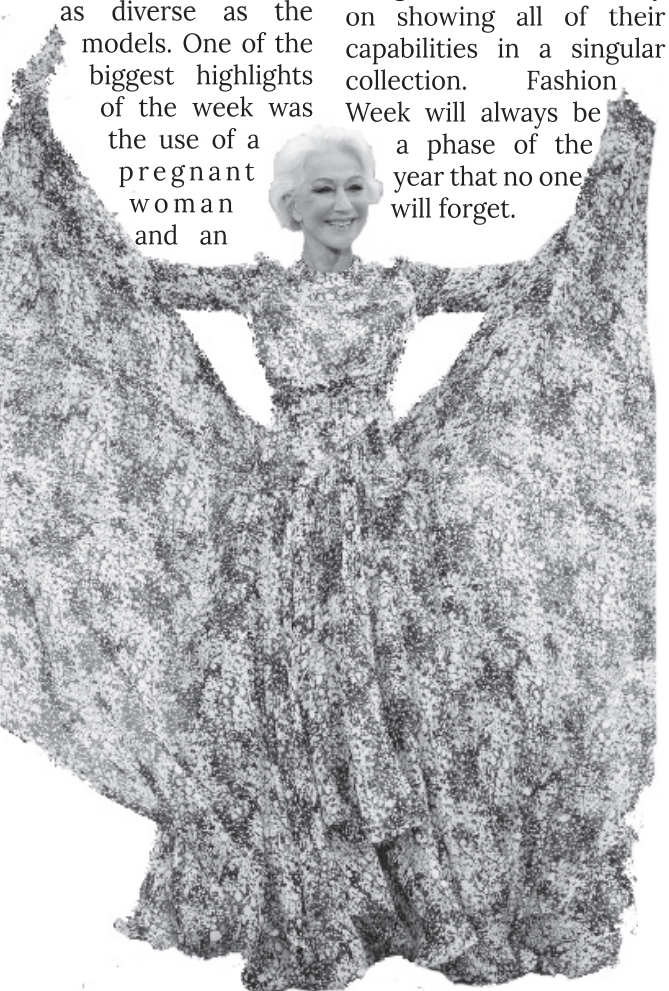
## Paris Fashion Week presents new styles



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Paris Fashion Week brought a revolutionary take on fashion. On Sept. 28, L’Oreal Paris held a fashion show as a part of the eventful week that brought many new styles of clothing to light with brand new color schemes and accessories being shown off in the prestigious event. Models walked the runway along to the tune of a live orchestra as they showed off each designer’s pieces. As one of the biggest weeks in fashion, Paris Fashion Week did not disappoint with an onslaught of vivacious outfits catered to the spring and summer months. The event brought a hefty crowd from all over the world that was just as diverse as the models. One of the biggest highlights of the week was the use of a pregnant woman and an

elderly woman in order to show off designs. This seemingly risky move broke the normal standard of beauty that says every model needs to have a certain body type before stepping out on the runway. Instead, the models were able to showcase themselves and become their own form of perfection. With the plethora of intricate designs, fashion designers ranging from Balmain, Karl Lagerfeld, and Ellie Saab were able to show off the artistry that goes into making an outfit. Very few of the outfits shown off might seem wearable to the everyday person, but more so for those who are able to appreciate the fashion’s worth. While most clothing brands strive to make clothing that will sell, these designers focus solely on showing all of their capabilities in a singular collection. Fashion Week will always be a phase of the year that no one will forget.



## Crowder crowned Miss Jones County

MICHAEL BLANKS  
FEATURES EDITOR

On Oct. 13, freshman Caidyn Crowder earned the title of Miss Jones County at the Miss Mississippi preliminary pageant. The event was held at Northeast Jones High School and brought a multitude of contestants from all over the community in hopes of claiming the rank of Miss Jones County. However Crowder walked away from the pageant with more than just a crown. “It was a very calming and fun event,” Crowder said. “All the girls I competed with were so kind and fun to be around. It also was a time to express myself through my talent, interview and platform.” Crowder is from Ellisville and has been a native of Jones County

all her life. She is a biochemistry major at Jones and plans to attend Mississippi State University, with the goal of becoming a physician’s assistant. Crowder is a member of the Student Government Association, Jones Concert Choir and Jones On Stage. Pageants were nothing new for Crowder as she has competed in many before, but winning this particular pageant was truly special for her. “Once I won, I was so overwhelmed in a positive way,” said Crowder. “I have always dreamed of being not only a part of the Miss Mississippi Organization but as well as the Miss America Organization.” After winning the Miss Jones County pageant, Crowder will compete in the Miss Mississippi pageant in June 2020.



Caidyn Crowder stands on stage after receiving her crown and flowers for Miss Jones County. PHOTO SUBMITTED

## Buford does mission work with her father

BAILEY MORRIS  
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

Imagine having a new home every year, with new friends, new school, new uniform and new church. That was the life of Kristin Buford growing up. Buford has lived in more than 16 countries. Since her father is a missionary, Buford has traveled many places, which she enjoys. At the age of five, she began traveling with her family across the United States and to many countries. “I’ve always adapted to my surroundings,” said Buford. “My parents had certain pictures and decorations that were always visible no matter where we moved that gave me a sense of home.”

Buford has traveled all over the U.S., Bahamas, Ukraine, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Egypt, India, Thailand, England, Romania and Germany. The New Orleans native moved to Ellisville two weeks before the fall semester. She is studying at Jones to become a dental hygienist. For some, moving around could get tiring, but for Buford it is the complete opposite. She enjoys exploring different parts of the world. Also, Buford is familiar with picking up and moving from country to country. “Well that’s all I’ve ever known, so for me moving around is my normal. I guess if I hadn’t grown up

in transition, it would be different,” said Buford. She said one of their first stops was the Ukraine. “I no longer spoke the language,” she said. “I didn’t recognize the food, stores, schools or anything for that matter.” Buford has had opportunities to help her dad serve in mission work and continues to serve with her dad when she has free time. “He has never forced us to be a part of his career choice,” she said. “When he accepts jobs, he makes it clear that they have not hired his family, they have hired him. I’ve always chosen to attend events... I always enjoy helping any way I can because it’s very rewarding work.” Throughout her travels,

she has seen many things, including cows and elephants roaming the streets of India. Buford has many memories to tell about her adventures. “My fondest memory was when I got the opportunity to lead one of my best friends in India to the Lord. My worst memory was having to leave each place and saying goodbye to the people that were there,” said Buford. Buford’s father has been doing mission work for 29 years. She will continue to work in missions after she starts her career. She said she has enjoyed every opportunity that she has had to help her dad and is always open for taking on adventures and serving the Lord.

## Bilingual student Paez prepares for translator career

MICHAEL BLANKS  
FEATURES EDITOR

Going to school in a completely different country can be a breeze for students capable of speaking two different languages. This adaptability will definitely carry them far in many aspects of life, but especially in school. Yvanna Paez is a bilingual student currently enrolled at Jones. Paez speaks both Spanish and English, with Spanish being her first language. She learned how

to speak English during elementary and has used both languages ever since. At Jones, Paez is involved in the Bobcat Brigade, Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Government Association. Paez formerly lived in Venezuela but also lived in Panama and Thailand before coming to the United States. One could only expect a major shock after moving to a small town in Mississippi. “Other than language, the culture is noticeably different, but in good ways. The food, music,

clothes and overall experience is different in each country,” Paez said. “It’s nice to be able to take in new cultures and traditions and mold them into my own experience.” Paez transferred from Florida International University to Jones in hopes of finding new opportunities. She was also enticed by the different types of people as well as the countryside. “Everybody has been so nice and welcoming, especially here at Jones College,” Paez said.

After graduating from Jones, Paez plans on going to Mississippi State University to continue studying Public Relations with a double major in Spanish. Her goal is to use her bilingual skills to become a translator. “I feel like there is a need in Mississippi, especially for certified translators in the medical field and in court,” Paez said. “Since the Hispanic population is increasing, and a lot of adults who have moved here from foreign



Yvanna Paez shows her Jones College pride next to the Bobcat statue. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

# Infinity War and Activision release Call of Duty reboot

HANNAH MORGAN  
EDITOR

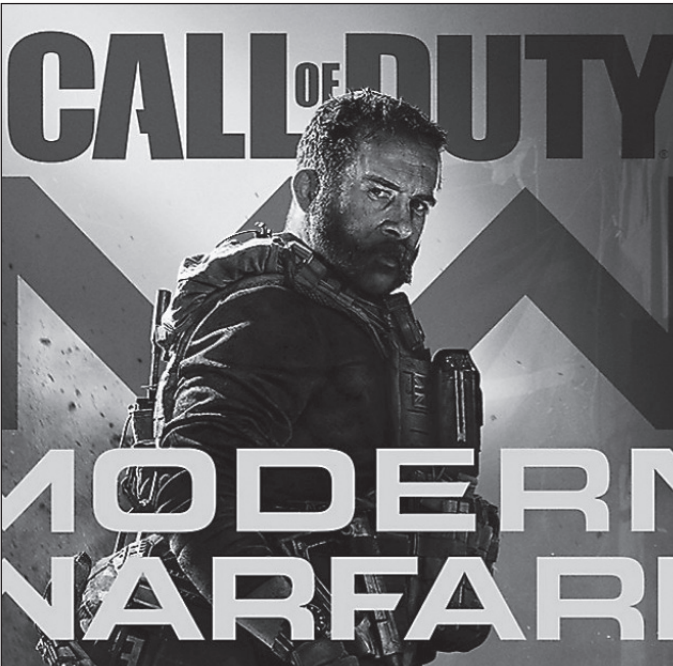
Call of Duty, a first-person shooter game that has been around for 16 years, has released their first cross-platform multiplayer game, Modern Warfare: Special Ops. With the help of Nokia, Infinity Ward and Activision, Microsoft Windows was able to engineer another multiplayer game to add to their immense collection. With the release on Oct. 25, this Modern Warfare reboot begins where the previous Modern Warfare's campaign ended, and players will have to fight together in order to “stop and sever a global terror

organization.” Along with new game modes, the game contains many original in-game features. Modern Warfare: Special Ops will consist of two major game modes, with the exception of a PlayStation exclusive: Missions and Operations. PlayStation, like always, will be able to play “Special Ops Survival,” which is “an additional wave-based horde mode that is an exclusive cooperative mode for PlayStation 4,” according to Activision's blog post. This exclusive will remain only on PlayStation until Oct. 1, 2020. Until then, Xbox One and PC players have only a few story missions

or intense operations to complete either in multiplayer mode or solo mode. The game creators send players to newly designed maps in the game mode “operations,” where up to four players are tasked with disabling or destroying multi-staged objectives placed around the matchmade-map. Here players and gamers' strategy and tactical choices are tested while they are under a time constraint. Thankfully, in the future, Infinity Ward will release more than the four current Operations, as stated in Activision's recent blog post.

In the second game mode titled “missions,” players are sent into several different battle zones, whether solo or with other players, in order to finish the campaign from the first Modern Warfare game. Here gamers are able to test many different weapons, new tools and go on “killstreaks” with any weapon they try out. In finishing these missions, players will receive a one to three-star rating of how well the mission was completed. One of the best part of these newly installed features is the ability for the player to bring their

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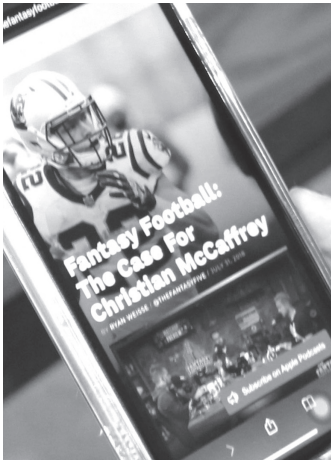
Call of Duty: Modern Warfare can be found in most stores for \$59.99. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Fantasy Football makes virtual coaching possible



**Virtual Mania**  
by Heidi Boot

Ever wondered what it would be like to be a head football coach? Well, fantasy football gives one a chance to act as a virtual team manager over a football team. Participants are able to draft virtual players who play for real life teams to rack up points in hopes to win the league. The various fantasy football leagues are set up to cater to anyone wanting to play. One just has to pick what style they like the best.



Jones College student Ellie Currie reviews the top five teams PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Scoring is the number one factor of how people typically choose which league to play. There are three types of scoring: standard, Point-

Per-Reception and Touchdown-Only. The first type of scoring is standard. Standard scoring gives a player six points—only four for a quarterback—for a touchdown, one for ten yards of rushing or receiving and one fantasy point for every 25 passing yards. However, it deducts two points for any fumbles or interceptions. Defense and special teams gain points based off of turnovers received and touchdowns made. Defensive points are determined by how many yards and points are allotted to the real-life opposing team. Kickers gain points based off of how far their successful

field goals are. The higher in yardage, the more points gained. Typically the base amount for a field goal is three points. The next type of scoring is Point-Per-Reception. PPR is typically a favorite among players due to the high amount of possible points. Certain players, like tight ends, running backs and wide receivers, have the ability to gain a point for every reception in addition to rushing yards, which results in higher scores for those players. This typically causes such players to be of more value in a league like PPR. Other than this difference,

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## Zombieland reappears in theaters after ten years

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STAFF WRITER

Ten years have passed since the release of the gruesome comedy, “Zombieland.” The gory sequel, “Zombieland: Double Tap,” follows up with the whereabouts of the four main characters—Tallahassee, Columbus, Wichita and Little Rock—after a decade of living in Zombieland. In addition to the original cast, new faces were added to the post-apocalyptic world. Added talents include Zoey Deutch, Rosario Dawson, Avan Jogia, Luke Wilson

and Thomas Middleditch. The initial “Zombieland” utilized a slapstick-esque type of entertainment that wasn't very common in 2009. “Zombieland: Double Tap,” thankfully, capitalized on this comedic genius. Satirical humor radiates throughout both “Zombieland” and “Zombieland: Double Tap.” The audience is treated to a somewhat comforting and familiar sense of humor, causing comedy-induced tears. However, the new characters, along with evolved threats, still give this continuation a fresh outlook. It's not regurgitated ideas in a

different order, which is refreshing in the movie industry. “Zombieland: Double Tap” has a running time of one hour and 39 minutes, which makes it perfect for moviegoers that become restless quickly. The producers put quality over quantity and give the audience a continuous stream of content instead of following the tedious trend of drawing things out. Nonetheless, this movie is not ideal for all audiences. People who love rainbows, flowers and, well, double rainbows won't like this movie.

However, if someone is a fan of dark humor, flesh-eating zombies, and the occasional message about the importance of family, then this movie is perfect. However, the absence of Twinkies in the sequel is an unnecessary tragedy. “Zombieland: Double Tap” brings new thrills, adventures and, best of all, laughs. It proves to be a successful and entertaining addition to the franchise. “Zombieland: Double Tap” is playing at the Regal UA Sawmill Square theater in Laurel and in Southwest Theaters Turtle Creek and The Grand in Hattiesburg.

## King Princess, an artist on the rise, drops hit album



**MUSIC MATTERS**  
by Jordan Butler

PUBLICATION

It's no secret that big names in music have recently released chart-topping hits consecutively. One rising artist, King Princess, released her debut album “Cheap Queen” last month, a monumental accomplishment for the singer with hit singles such as “1950” and “Talia.” Her opening track “Tough on Myself” is the start of her pouring her heart out on this album through slow, rhythmic beats, a cadent harmony and relatable lyrics. The following track, “Useless Phrases,” is a short, upbeat take on believing in promises that were never meant to be kept. The album's title track gives King Princess some vulnerability and explains the artist on a different level with her soft, raspy

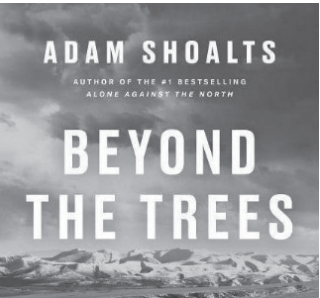
voice and a catchy beat. “Ain't Together” opens with an acoustic guitar followed by the singer's voice echoing a begging plea with whoever the song was written about, presumably over unrequited or forbidden love. “Do You Wanna See Me Crying?” exhibits a unique but somber ballad and shows the singer's vulnerable side once again, even with lyrics like “And I feel better with my heart out.” “Homegirl,” in its dusky, breathy sound, perfectly mirrors the feelings associated with forbidden love. “Prophet” follows in a jazzy, head-nodding fashion that presents the feeling of fantasizing about one's crush. “Isabel's Moment” featuring Tobias Jesso Jr. opens with somber notes on a piano to reverberate the dejected and broken emotions following a break-up. King Princess so eloquently expresses. “Trust Nobody,” in a

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“Cheap Queen” is King Princess's latest album. PHOTO PROVIDED BY KING PRINCESS'S TWITTER PAGE

## Adventures comes to life through a Canadian explorer's thrilling novel



Canadian explorer Adam Shoalts releases newest book “Beyond The Trees.” PHOTO PROVIDED BY ADAM SHOALTS

TORI ELLIS  
NEWS EDITOR

In a world that heavily revolves around technology, everyone needs a breath of fresh air now and again. Though people's definition of “fresh air” may vary, bestselling author and adventurer Adam Shoalts has explored the outdoors enough for all of us. Readers

of Shoalts' newest book, “Beyond the Trees” will be able to feel the wind on their face while consuming each paragraph. On the journey of a lifetime through the wilderness of Canada's arctic, Shoalts was able to travel for months without human contact. Fluctuating ice floes, fog-topped lakes, dangerous rivers and

forceful storms are all factors that Shoalts must face. He ends his adventure with a dash across nearly 4,000 kilometers of jagged, desolate terrain in order to arrive before winter's bite closes in. “Heart-stopping, wonderfilled, and attentive to the majesty of the natural world, Beyond the Trees captures the ache for adventure that afflicts us

all,” according to Penguin Random House. Known to be one of Canada's greatest living explorers, Shoalts was named an Explorer-in-Residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society in 2018, according to his biography. He is also a historian, archaeologist and geographer, and his book “Alone Against the

North” was a #1 national best-seller, as well as his second book, “A History of Canada in Ten Maps.” Shoalts holds a Ph.D. from McMaster University where his doctoral research examined the influence Indigenous oral traditions had on explorers and fur traders in Canada's subarctic and Pacific Northwest.

# JC Football makes playoffs

DYLAN JONES  
SPORTS EDITOR

After playing East Central Community College on Oct. 24, the Bobcats' regular season has officially come to a close. They finish with a 7-2 record on the year overall and a 5-1 record inside their conference.

The Bobcats have officially made the postseason after losing just two games the entire year to Coahoma Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. After Hinds Community College fell to MGCCC by a score of 31-21, Jones was

placed in the #2 spot of the MACJC South Division, pitting Jones against #2 Northwest Community College in the semifinal round of the state playoffs.

Jones' running game would bring in several notable accomplishments for both running backs Ladamian Webb and Kalyn Grandberry. Webb would finish at number one in the MACJC in yards per game, and both Webb and Grandberry would finish within the top five in rushing touchdowns. The defense would tout one of the lowest amount of points allowed per game,

averaging 10.44.

Despite a few hiccups this season, Jones ultimately would overcome several obstacles on their way to prosperity, and wide receiver and returner Manny Jones acknowledges this.

"I would have to say that this season has been a bumpy ride, but we are still rolling on," said Jones. "Over the season we have become very close, and we are forming a lifetime brotherhood."

If Jones has defeated Northwest at the time of

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Sophomore Kalyn Grandberry scurries between his blockers against EAST CENTRAL. PHOTO BY RAVIA BILELLO

## JONES COLLEGE SPORTS RECORDS

The Radonian staff will be keeping track of this month's scores, as football and both men and women's soccer final games are listed below.

| FOOTBALL | COAHOMA      | 10-18 | NORTHEAST             | 35-3  |
|----------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
|          | HOLMES       | 23-7  | COPIAH-LINCOLN        | 21-14 |
|          | HINDS        | 31-7  | EAST CENTRAL          | 35-13 |
|          | MGCCC        | 14-20 | NORTHWEST             | TBA   |
|          | SOUTHWEST    | 34-6  |                       |       |
|          | PEARL RIVER  | 49-6  |                       |       |
|          |              |       |                       |       |
| SOCCER   | Men          |       | Women                 |       |
|          | LSU EUNICE   | 2-4   | LSU EUNICE            | 2-3   |
|          | NORTHWEST    | 5-0   | SPARTANBURG METHODIST | 4-2   |
|          | EAST CENTRAL | 5-0   | DAYTONA ST.           | 2-3   |
|          | MGCCC        | 2-1   | NORTHWEST             | 3-0   |
|          | ITAWAMBA     | 2-1   | EAST CENTRAL          | 2-1   |
|          | MERIDIAN     | 3-0   | MGCCC                 | 2-0   |
|          | SOUTHWEST    | 3-0   | MERIDIAN              | 8-1   |
|          | PEARL RIVER  | 2-1   | GORDON ST.            | 0-2   |
|          | EAST CENTRAL | 7-0   | SOUTHWEST             | 6-1   |
|          | HINDS        | 1-0   | PEARL RIVER           | 1-0   |
|          | MGCCC        | 4-3   | EAST CENTRAL          | 2-1   |
|          | LSU EUNICE   | TBA   | HOLMES                | 1-5   |
|          |              |       |                       |       |

## Jones ranks all 32 NFL teams



THE  
JONES  
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by Dylan  
Jones

As the NFL season enters week 10, the talent of all 32 teams can now be gauged, as the contenders have gradually separated themselves from the pretenders. What better way to get into the football spirit than rank each team? Teams in this column will be split into five tiers: awful, below average, mediocre, good and elite.

Starting with the awful teams, these are the teams that are probably better off tanking this year with the hope of winning the first round pick of next year's draft. An atrocious Miami Dolphins heads this tier off, as any star-players they still had at the start of this season have all requested trades and left, such as cornerback Minkah Fitzpatrick and running back Kenyan Drake. This also includes another winless team, the Cincinnati Bengals. The only difference between the two teams is that the Bengals seem like they're actually trying to win, as they've lost six games by one possession. The New York Jets and a mono-riddled Sam Darnold have been seeing ghosts, wasting star runningback Le'Veon Bell's talent. Meanwhile, the Atlanta Falcons and a helpless Matt Ryan also

make this tier, along with a Washington Redskins squad whose only win came against Miami.

Next are the below average teams. Two of these teams are led by rookie quarterbacks with poor offensive lines, which are the Arizona Cardinals and the New York Giants. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are also placed here despite a fluke win against the Los Angeles Rams. While the Pittsburgh Steelers do have an undrafted third-string quarterback in Devlin Hodges, who is well known as the Alabama State Duck Calling champion, what they don't have is a chance to get a winning record this year. Baker Mayfield's turnover-riddled Cleveland Browns are also in this category, along with a disappointing Los Angeles Chargers squad, and teams like the Denver Broncos and the Oakland Raiders who surely surprised people by having as many wins as they do.

The mediocre tier is filled with teams that have plenty of talent to win games, but simply lack the consistency or have too many injuries to pose a threat to any real contenders. The perfect example of this can be seen in the Detroit Lions, as they have a respectable quarterback in Matthew Stafford, along with stars in Darius Slay Jr. and Kenny Golladay, but the team couldn't pull out

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## Casey Smith dribbles into the season

HANNAH CHAFFEE  
STAFFWRITER

Sophomore Casey Smith had a successful experience last year on the Jones basketball team. The Columbus High graduate fell in love with the game of basketball at the age of 6 and has been playing for 13 years now.

He played for teams such as West Lowndes/ Columbus High, and traveling teams (AAU) such as Golden Triangle AllStars, Mississippi Express Basketball Organization Elite, and DA House.

Smith has been playing

basketball for Jones for two years now. He heard about Jones College through his assistant coach Kelvin Nixon. Smith chose Jones because he felt it was the best decision to help him grow as a person, both mentally and physically, on and off the court. Smith knew that choosing Jones would help him accomplish his goals and dreams, and attending JC has taught him that a person's character is what matters in society.

"Jones has given me the opportunity to grow and learn from my mistakes and maintain accountability," said Smith.

He plans on playing

at the highest level of collegiate basketball and become a pro. The sports medicine major plans on being an athletic trainer.



Smith poses in front of the trophy case. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

He said what he loves most about the Jones basketball program is that it gives every person equal opportunity and helps them become the best version of themselves on and off the court each day.

He said he will forever remember the atmosphere and the support system of the Bobcat family that he loves so dearly.

"I love that my team is very welcoming and challenging. We are a family," said Smith.

See Smith at the Bobcats' home game Nov. 7 against Blessed IJN Academy. The game will take place at A.B Howard Gymnasium in Ellisville at 6 p.m.

## Basketball slated to begin in November

HANNAH CHAFFEE  
STAFFWRITER

Basketball season is around the corner for the Bobcats, and both the men's and women's teams look forward to shooting for a ring this season.

Both teams have several returnees who will help lead the new players and new players who will help dominate the plays.

The Jones College Lady Bobcats are ranked No. 12 in the NJCAA Division I pre-season basketball poll. The 2018-19 Lady Bobcats had the ending record of 28-3 and won their third consecutive MACJC and Region 23 championships.

"This season will be nothing short of the last three state and region championship seasons under Coach Bilderback's belt," said sophomore said LaMiracle Sims. "This team



A Jones player is hacked as he drives inside the paint. PHOTO BY CATIE HUNTER

is significantly special and the talent is undeniable. Each and every athlete brings something special to the court. This year, I truly believe we will be competing in the national

games for a national championship. We are more than capable of winning the national championship title."

The men's 2018-2019 team ended their season

21-7. They had several recognized players. Winceton Edwards and Michael Williams Jr. were both selected to play in the men's 2019 MACJC Sophomore All-Star Basketball Game. Galen Alexander was named an NJCAA Division I Honorable Mention All-American, All-Region 23 and first-team All-MACJC South Division. Kenneth Rogers was named second-team All-MACJC South Division and NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American.

The Bobcats had four players sign letters of intent, which were Galen Alexander with Georgetown University, Tirus Smith with the University of Louisiana, Michael Williams Jr. with Mississippi College and David Gaines Jr. with

see **BASKETBALL** page 7

## The Pick Six

This month, members of the Radonian staff will predict games from NFL weeks 9-13 and local universities. The predictors will be Jordan Butler, Michael Blanks, Hannah Chaffee, Dylan Jones, Hannah Morgan and Tori Ellis.

| NOVEMBER<br>PREDICTIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         | Jordan Butler                                                                       | Michael Blanks                                                                       | Hannah Chaffee                                                                        | Dylan Jones                                                                           | Hannah Morgan                                                                         | Tori Ellis                                                                            |
|                         | Seahawks vs. 49ers                                                                  | Seahawks                                                                             | Seahawks                                                                              | 49ers                                                                                 | Seahawks                                                                              | 49ers                                                                                 |
|                         | Cowboys vs. Lions                                                                   | Cowboys                                                                              | Cowboys                                                                               | Lions                                                                                 | Cowboys                                                                               | Cowboys                                                                               |
|                         | Ravens vs. Rams                                                                     | Rams                                                                                 | Ravens                                                                                | Rams                                                                                  | Rams                                                                                  | Rams                                                                                  |
|                         | Saints vs. Falcons                                                                  | Saints                                                                               | Saints                                                                                | Saints                                                                                | Falcons                                                                               | Saints                                                                                |
|                         | MS State vs. Ole Miss                                                               | MS State                                                                             | MS State                                                                              | Ole Miss                                                                              | MS State                                                                              | Ole Miss                                                                              |
|                         | LSU vs. Alabama                                                                     | Alabama                                                                              | LSU                                                                                   | LSU                                                                                   | Alabama                                                                               | Alabama                                                                               |
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# Yearbook wins first in state

**MICHAEL BLANKS**  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Jones College yearbook staff, known as the Lair, recently received multiple prestigious awards from the Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association yearbook competition with the release of their latest yearbook.

The Lair spent numerous hours in order to make sure every page of the yearbook met their prestige, and their hard work was met with reward. The Lair's 2019 edition of the yearbook placed first in overall, beating out several other colleges, as well as placing first in photography, copy and design.

These awards were not won with ease. The yearbook staff has three different teams that come together to form the Lair. The stunning images covering every page can be accredited to the photographers who took high-definition photos of each school event that happened in the past year. Catie Hunter is the photography editor, wherein she oversees every single picture that is taken and makes certain that only the best photos

make the cut.

“A fitting photographer is someone that can be creative and think outside the box in order to capture a good photo,” said Hunter.

No yearbook is complete without the meticulous detailing that goes along with designing graphics. While few in number, the graphic designers pay close attention to every single detail to every single page to make sure everything looks fine tuned. As the graphic design editor, Seth Grantham confirms that the color schemes throughout the yearbook

match up well throughout all the pages,

“I am proud to know that my hard work and leadership led to a victory,” Grantham said.

Serving as the storytellers of the yearbook, the writers bring informative details onto every page. The writers make sure that all writing is spelled correctly and most importantly, ensure that all that is written is factual and accurate. Caroline Smith was previously a writer for the Lair and now serves as the copy editor.

“It’s nice to know that our work is appreciated and noticed as a writer,” Smith said.

All of the Lair’s hard work and interaction with the community bring the entire campus closer together. The yearbook allows for students and staff to reflect on the college’s accomplishments throughout the year and remember all the good times they shared. The Lair will continue to perfect their work as they continue to craft yet another vision of the Jones College school year.



Returning members of last year’s Lair yearbook staff include, left to right, Michael Blanks, Hannah Chaffee, Seth Grantham, Catie Hunter and Caroline Smith.

## Studio

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available in the classroom based on the number of instruments we have.”

Within the production building, Free State Records will run as an independent entity and is the business side of the recording studio.

“It is open to the public and is available by simply booking a time to record,” said Smith. “It can be a full album or if someone wants to come in and do a Valentines Day song for their husband or wife, they can do that.”

Free State Records provides the service of recording digitally, which can then be put on a CD, vinyl record or whatever format is desired.

“Participants can do whatever level they want recording wise, from a rough mix to a finished product,” said Smith. “In the music industry, some people want to record at one place and then have a different engineer do the mastering of the product. We are A-Z, but you can stop anywhere along that path.”

There is a standard pricing within the music

industry that Free State Records will follow. Because pricing depends on factors such as studio time and services provided, planning ahead is essential. Prices are not published yet but will be released when the studio officially launches and is open to the public.

“We are waiting on final clearance from all the different avenues involved before officially opening, but we are hoping for any day now,” said Smith.

Students will use the production equipment during class for student projects but are also welcome to use them

outside of class. Students will be involved in the recording process for outsiders, allowing hands-on learning experiences.

“It’s like a learning hospital,” said Smith. “There will be the doctor in charge, but the students will be shadowing and learning along the way. When we look at what the need is in the industry and what the change is for the world, we see that the electronic age has descended on us so quickly and that our students need to be prepared and have a way to contribute beyond traditional methods.”

## Thunberg

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fossil fuels, over 7.6 million people in 185 countries joined Thunberg in the strike for climate action.

In Thunberg’s speech to the U.S. Congress, in a transcript provided by Independent.co.uk, she advised the congressmen to act quickly toward global warming before it is too late. She expressed to them that there is a “50% chance” to stay below the “1.5 degree Celsius” of the global temperature levels.

“...a 50% chance – a statistical flip of a coin – will not be enough. Would any of you step onto a plane knowing it had a 50 percent or more chance of crashing? Would you put your children on that flight?” asked Thunberg during her address to the U.S. Congress.

Thunberg used the IPCC, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as her proof from the scientists to express the facts of global warming and climate change and how it is not just a fantasy. In this report, scientists show that there is only 360 gigatons of CO2, carbon dioxide, left in the atmosphere in 2019 compared to the 420 gigatons of CO2 that were present in the beginning of 2018.

She reveals that “within less than eight and a half years, the emission level budget will be gone.” With this she clarifies to the congressmen that “the climate and ecological crisis is beyond party politics,” and that “we cannot make ‘deals’ with physics.”

In a transcript provided by NPR.org, Thunberg began her speech at

the UN Climate Summit by telling the leaders that “this is all wrong. I shouldn’t be up here. I should be at school, yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you!” During the summit, Thunberg urged the leaders to “listen to the scientists” and that the science has shown climate change for “over 30 years,” and yet they still have not done anything about it while watching “entire ecosystems collapse.”

She said that they “have stolen her dreams and childhood with their empty words.” She continued to explain the urgency of the climate situation, and how no one in a place of authority has acted.

“You say you hear us and that you understand the urgency. If you really understood the situation and still kept failing to act,

then you would be evil...”

Ending her speech, Thunberg states that “the young people are starting to understand your betrayal,” telling the leaders that the “business deals” that they have made won’t protect the children of the future from global climate change.

“We will not let you get away with this. Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up, and change is coming, whether you like it or not.”

Her actions and words have influenced many people around the globe in a small amount of time, and she continues to prove that age has no meaning when it comes to power over knowledge. With a clear passion, Thunberg continues to march on, despite those who dismiss her dedication for our future.

## Football

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publication, they will face the winner of MGCCC and

East Mississippi Community College in the MACJC State Championship. Anyone can stream any game on jccjv or keep up with box scores on njcaa.org.

## Basketball

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Stillman College. The 2019-2020 team hosted their third annual Classic on Saturday, Nov. 2 at A.B. Howard Gymnasium. This annual Classic consisted of eight-game events, featuring five boys’ games and three girls’ games, with a matchup between Seminary and South Jones.

“I believe we are going to have a great season,” said sophomore said Sayveon

Bumpers. “I feel like we have a strong team chemistry and great men on this team. On and off the court we push each other, and that’s something that will help us out tremendously this season.”

Both teams open the season with a home game on Nov. 11 at A.B Howard Gymnasium against Holmes. The women’s game will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the men will follow at 7:30 p.m. The admission is free for all Jones students with a Jones ID.

## Nicotine

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have been confirmed in 15 states, with most patients reporting a history of using THC-containing products. These cases range in the states of Alabama, California (2), Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas (2), Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oregon (2), and Virginia. More deaths are currently under investigation.

The most up-to-date findings on a regional and nation scale suggest that products containing THC play a role in the outbreak. THC, which stands for

tetrahydrocannabinol, is a natural compound found in Cannabis. Thirty percent of these vaping patients are under the age of 35 years old.

What’s terrifying is the unknown ingredients found in these vaping products. Because vaping products are so new, scientists and researchers have not found the specific chemical causing these lung injuries. Investigations are currently underway, so hopefully a synopsis will be released soon.

For more information, cdc.org updates its current knowledge of vaping and the statistical numbers each Thursday.

## Gun laws

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Because of this, mass shootings have been on a steady rise, with a whopping 340 mass shootings in 2018 according to the Gun Violence Archive. The number of mass shootings alone is frightening, but the deaths associated with these shootings is appalling and downright unacceptable. In light of New Zealand’s terrorist attack at a mosque in March, an immediate ban of assault rifles was issued, according to USA Today. Their quick response to that incident leads some people to question, “When will America follow with the same reaction?”

Earlier this year, the House

introduced a bill that would allow universal background checks and severely limit who could obtain a gun from unlicensed sellers according to vox.com. However, the Republican-dominated Senate shot down the bill. Granted, a universal background check may not severely decrease the number of gun-related deaths, but it would be a logical start for a nation distressed from mass shootings.

Hopefully, politicians will eventually understand how important gun control is for the country and issue any sort of restriction on firearms that would prove to be a logical start for reducing gun-related deaths.

## Game

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preferred weapons into the two game modes. Players are not stuck with having the same weapons as each other, and are now able to create a diverse system while playing.

However, not only can players bring their favorite weapons into the two game modes, they can also bring their preferred perks, tactical equipment and lethal equipment. Players are now able to feel comfortable while playing the game with their

preferred load-out.

Another new feature to Modern Warfare is the player’s ability to choose a “role.” Roles are chosen before the gamer is placed into a match and range from medic, assault, recon, engineer, demolition and heavy. Along with new abilities, players are able to level up each perk tree under the different roles, creating a largely diverse game mode.

Modern Warfare: Special Ops is available on Xbox One, PC, and PlayStation 4 for \$59.99 in stores and on online retailers.

## NFL

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wins over teams everyone considers to be Super Bowl hopefuls such as the Chiefs or Packers. While the Tennessee Titans offense may lack a competent quarterback, their defense is good enough to keep teams honest. The same goes for the Chicago Bears.

The Philadelphia Eagles and the Dallas Cowboys both make this category despite leading their division, and although quarterback Gardner Minshew might be entertaining, he isn’t enough to help the Jacksonville Jaguars have a chance at a title this year.

As for the good teams, these are the ones that could win it all with a little

bit of luck. The Seattle Seahawks are currently led by a red hot MVP candidate in Russell Wilson, and Green Bay Packers have a very similar situation with Aaron Rodgers. Despite the Minnesota Vikings’ chemistry issues between receivers Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs with their quarterback Kirk Cousins, they still continue to keep

winning while also being able to rely on runningback Dalvin Cook and their defense. The Houston Texans continue to show glimpses of promise, and the Buffalo Bills and Baltimore Ravens both can say the same. The Indianapolis Colts also make this category despite entering the season as underdogs after quarterback Andrew

Luck mysteriously retired.

As for the best of the best, one could make the assumption that the undefeated New England Patriots would make an appearance in this tier, as they prove to be a force every single year behind Tom Brady and the best defense in the league. There’s also the New Orleans Saints, who have

managed to go 5-0 despite not having Drew Brees. The undefeated and unexpected San Francisco 49ers team continues to surprise fans, and the Kansas City Chiefs are sure to keep winning behind the cannon arm of Patrick Mahomes as he returns from a dislocated knee. Expect these teams to be battling for a Super Bowl win this year.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "30 Rock" role

4 Dressed

8 Wrinkly fruit

12 Raw rock

13 Bigfoot's cousin

14 Bellow

15 Slight touch

16 Ski resort in the Poconos

18 Same

20 Vast expanse

21 Comfy foot-wear, for short

24 Make into law

28 Group of submarines

32 Continental coin

33 Alias abbr.

34 Decelerates

36 Kanga's kid

37 Deposited

39 Pancake

41 Hammerstein's contribution

43 God, in

44 Upper limit

46 Getting on

50 Type of shoulder bag

55 Anti

56 "American —"

57 Pivot

58 Greek H

59 Roly- —

60 Layer

11 Morning moisture

10 Varnish ingredient

11 Annoy

17 Appomattox loser

19 Bowling alley inits.

22 A little lower?

23 Berate

25 Emanation

26 Gator's cousin

27 Snatched

28 Partition

29 Fine

30 Hideaway

31 "The Bridge on the River

—"

35 House VIP

38 In a pleasant way

40 Moonshine container

42 Automobile

45 "Hey, you!"

47 On the rocks

48 Memorandum

49 Eat away (at)

50 With it

51 Big bother

52 Encyc. portion

53 Foreman foe

54 Prompt

DOWN

1 Source of wealth

2 Mideastern nation

3 Ox of India

4 One-eyed beast

5 Grazing ground

6 24-hr. money provider

7 Conks out

8 Suave

9 — long way

61 Morning moisture

10 Varnish ingredient

11 Annoy

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

GZA

♥MECASH

NAKOR

♥HACE

STRAZE

RKA

ERZA

GENKI

RSI

SKIRHA

♥REGEA

ROAK

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART ). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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## Strange but true

by Samantha Weaver

-It was British politician John Sweeney who made the following sage observation: “How can a society that exists on instant mashed potatoes, packaged cake mixes, frozen dinners and instant cameras teach patience to its young?”

-Golfers beware: Don't chew on the tees. One golfer who was in the habit of gnawing while he played overdosed on pesticides after playing 36 holes in one day.

-The longest word in the English language that can be typed using only one hand is “stewardesses.”

-If you know you have coronary issues, beware of extreme temperatures. You're more likely to have a heart attack on a particularly hot or a particularly cold day.

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4 5 3 7 1

8 2 7

2 1 9 8

4 3 7 5

6 1 9 4

2 4 3

3 2 6 1

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Fantasy

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scoring is almost the same.

Stanford alum Christian McCaffrey is one of the lead running backs in the NFL playing for the Carolina Panthers. FanDuel posted that McCaffrey earned 47.7 PPR points in week 5 against the Jacksonville Jaguars, which translated to only 41.7 standard points.

The last point system is Touchdown-Only scoring, which is pretty self-explanatory. Players only get points on fantasy football if the players score them on the field.

There are four different types of drafting leagues. In re-draft leagues, “owners” have to completely draft new teams each year. Auction leagues set up a limited amount of money allotted to each owner to bid on players.

Keeper leagues give owners a chance to keep a certain amount of players for the next season, but the amount depends on

that league's guidelines. Dynasty leagues let owners keep all players from a previous season, if the owners want to. This causes owners to pick players based off of career expectations rather than week-to-week or even yearly projections. Many of the fantasy football leagues provide statistics to help owners decide who to draft, decide when to play or bench players and figure out what players are injured and how to replace them if needed. There are a number of different websites to use for fantasy football. Some of the most notable are NFL, Yahoo!, ESPN, FanDuel and Draft Kings.

Fantasy football allows football fanatics and non-viewers alike to get involved with their favorite teams in a unique way, as well as gaining insight into the world of professional football. This interactive experience keeps fans engaged with the players, teams and best of all, the game.

## Bilingual

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countries may not speak the language.”

Having to deal with the many challenges that come with moving to another country can be highly stressful and time consuming. Language is

one of the most important aspects of culture nad Paez was luckily able to enjoy her experience learning English. With the dedication and adaptability needed to learn two languages, Paez is certain to accomplish her dreams.

## Trivia Answers

1. The Indian Ocean

2. Mars and Jupiter

3. Upper arm

4. White Russian

5. Four

6. Beryl

7. Waylon
8. “Chariots of Fire”

9. Punxsutawney, Pa.

10. Paul Theroux
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GRIN and BEAR IT

Wagner

“You’ve been voted out of the car pool, Figby, but we’d like to keep your car.”

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

I REALIZE YOU HATE DOING DISHES BUT CAN YOU PLEASE GO BACK TO ACTUALLY SITTING AT A TABLE WHEN EATING?

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Out on a Limb

MY LUNCH MEETING ON A 91° DAY IN NEW YORK CITY...

STREET TRAINS

RESTAURANT

HI TINA! HUG?

HI GARY! FISTBUMP?

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by Gary Kopervas

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

# Legitimate media sources separate news, opinions

TORI ELLIS  
NEWS EDITOR

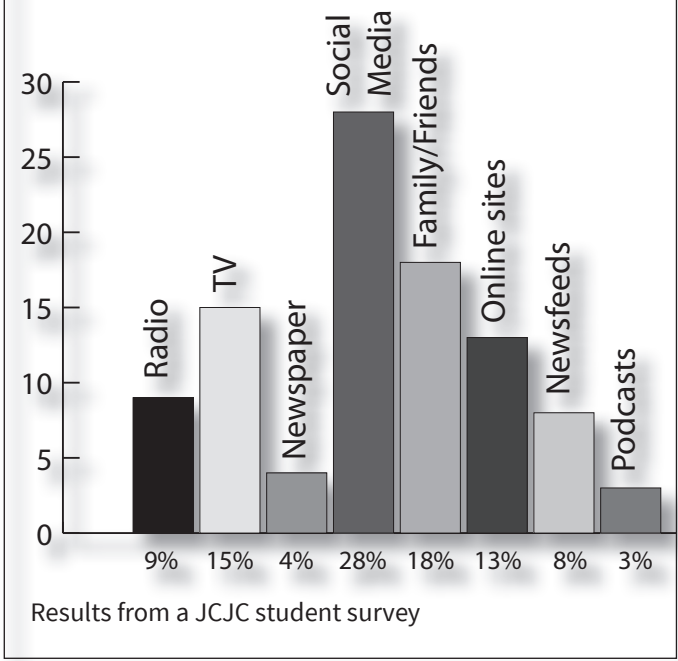
Political news is everywhere in today's society, whether on television, online, print, podcasts, radio, in face-to-face conversations, between friends or in the classroom. Everyone has their own views on these news sources and politics, especially in the current Trump Era, but the question leaving many people scratching their heads is what qualifies as factual news and what is

considered opinion? In the majority of newspapers and news outlets, there is a section for news stories, which is supposed to be completely factual and to the point of the main focus of the story. Then, there are opinion pieces written from the viewpoint of the journalist or newscaster, which are noted as such. People have a tendency to refer to news stories as "fake" simply because they do not agree with the content of the story. This

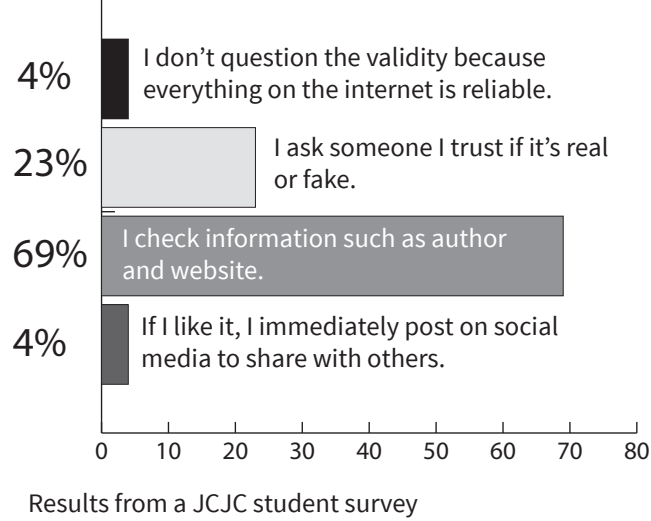
is a major misconception because an opinion piece is based on personal belief or outlook. Just because one disagrees with the information of the story does not deem it false. There is nothing wrong with having a different viewpoint or belief than the journalist who wrote a story. Before rushing to Facebook to express discoveries of "fake news" in the press, do some investigating to see if the piece is supposed to be factual or an opinion. Opinion stories on

credible news sites will include a note that the piece is an opinion. If a known partisan site includes an article that appears to be news but includes misleading material meant to sway readers' opinions, then that site should be noted by the reader as a potentially misleading news source. The best way to determine if material is misleading is to fact check it by looking at the same topic covered in known credible news sources.

## How do you obtain news?



## How do you know if what you're reading is accurate and reliable?



# Valid questions, sites help spot fabricated news

CHEYANNA GORSUCH  
STAFF WRITER

Fake news is defined as false news stories, often of sensational nature, created to be shared online. Fake news articles are created to misinform or deceive readers, and they are sometimes meant to be a joke. They are often used to influence someone's views and cause confusion. Fake news has been a hot topic lately due to President Donald Trump's backlash of the media. Trump often criticizes news outlets on his Twitter account, referring to popular news stations like CNN, as "fake news media." Fake news is spreading more today due to many forms of social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter. According to the Columbian Journalism Review, 30% of fake news can be traced back to Facebook, and only 8% of the news on Facebook is real news. This should be concerning because, according to Pew Research Center, 62% of adults get their news from social media. How does one detect fake news? According to Factcheck.org, there are

several ways to know if a story is fake. It is important to always consider the source and ask where is this news coming from? Some websites will tell the reader if it is fiction or give a satire warning somewhere in the article or page. Read beyond the headline. Just because the article has a juicy headline that catches the eye does not mean it is factual. Fully read the article and do further research. Is the story a joke? Does the story invoke laughter? Does it insult a certain person a little too much? Satire does exist. Satire uses humor, exaggeration and even ridicule to expose and criticize people. Another thing to analyze is who is the author? Does the article have sources or claims to support the views of the article? Check the date of the article as well. If it's old, updated information may change the story. Ask the experts for help when unsure if something is fact or fake. Ask a librarian, a professor or use a fact-checking website. Three popular fact-checking

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# Student comments

We asked students "How do you know if what you're reading is accurate and reliable?" These are their answers:  
-I don't.  
-No news is 100% accurate.  
-The sources they come from  
-WDAM, LLC, and major news network pages  
-Close to nothing on the internet is reliable.  
-The internet doesn't lie.  
-You just pray they aren't lying.

# Ignorance not always bliss

HEIDI BOOT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Media outlets, along with today's society, have created an echo chamber that traps citizens. An echo chamber is classified as an environment in which people encounter only beliefs or opinions that coincide with their own so that their existing views are reinforced and alternative ideas are not considered. This definition closely resembles that of ignorance; which begs the question, is ignorance

really bliss? Debate.org, an online polling site, poses this question to its audience. The results reflected that 38% of users said yes, ignorance is bliss, and 62% said no. Many of the users note that if something is unknown, it can't be harmful to a person. James Surowiecki, a well-known journalist and author, pointed out in a report that rational ignorance is the inattention that is justified because the costs of paying attention outweigh the benefits, which explains the thought process of these

users. One commenter even indicates that ignorance is bliss, but bliss is not always the best option. Aaron C. Kay, professor of psychology and neuroscience at Duke University, states in an American Psychological Association publication on ignorance toward government policy, "Ultimately, they avoid learning about the issue because that could shatter their faith in the government." Kay points out an important aspect that applies to ignorance, that

people avoid a subject in hopes of it working itself out. However, this doesn't always happen. Another commenter from the Debate.org polling forum pointed out that ignorance can keep one from the fact: "If you don't know the truth, it doesn't mean it is not the truth." Ignorance is a reaction that can be seen throughout the media and today's society. Whether ignorance is bliss or not is a personal opinion, but ignorance can affect how media is viewed or believed.

## Most popular statements from students

It's difficult to tell real news from fake news.

**FOLLOWING THE NEWS IS A CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.**

**FAKE NEWS HAS MADE ME DISTRUST THE CREDIBILITY OF ANY NEWS.**

I don't think much about what the news means to me.

## A personal perspective

# Journalists today face new challenge of misinformation



**Special Column**

by Tori Ellis

In the existing state of American politics, being a journalist may be a terrifying career choice – but don't rule it out just yet. Being a journalist is an important job and provides a great deal of crucial information to the American public. Informing the public of what's currently happening in civilization is a necessity for the population. News covers many topics and can range from political to entertainment. Being a journalist requires solid communication skills and bravery. When looking at some of the situations American journalists have faced such as public ridicule and sometimes even death, it's clear to see why. The United States is as divided as ever when

it comes to the Left and the Right, and it seems as though with each waking moment, there is a new political shock that is defining our country. According to the Guardian's editor-in-chief, Katharine Viner, the public sphere has changed more radically in the past two decades than in the previous two centuries – and news organizations have worked hard to adjust. However, the turbulence of our time may demand that journalists do more than adapt. The circumstances in which they report, produce, distribute and obtain the news have changed so dramatically that this moment requires nothing less than a serious consideration of what journalists do and why they do it. These descriptions of journalists are, of course, idealistic. Not all in the field have upheld honest and true reports, so it can be difficult for the public to sift through

what is real and what is not. "If mistrust in institutions is changing how people participate in civics, news organizations might need to change as well," said MIT professor Ethan Zuckerman in "The Aspen Institute." "We could rethink our role as journalists as helping people... find the places where they, individually and collectively, can be the most effective and powerful." To do this in a well-fashioned matter, journalists must strive to gain the trust of those that they are attempting to serve, and must turn themselves into a better representation of the societies to which they are trying to correspond. This will require a new paradigm for the role of journalist, one that will result in improving the world rather than producing contention and confusion. This would be journalism returning to its finest.

## Fake sites mislead with plausible addresses

The names of fake news websites may look legitimate to dupe readers into believing the stories are credible. To avoid believing stories originating from fake news sites, be sure to look at the web address as well as visit the site to look at other stories. The following are sites that look like news sites. All are fake news, and some are satirical sites that aren't meant to be believed:

- empirenews.net
- Now8news.com
- Theonion.com
- Civictribune.com
- realnewsrightnow.com
- nationalreport.net
- infowars.com
- cityworldnews.com
- dailyheadlines.com
- dailyheadlines.net
- newsleak.co
- weeklyworldnews.com

(Above sites were listed by dailymail.com and CBS News...the REAL CBS News.)

## Homecoming events



Pictured clockwise, starting from top, PTK float riders Jordan Butler, Araceli Figueroa, Layne Boykin and Shelby Welborn; the Homecoming court, Mr. and Miss JCJC Elijah Cummins and Jada King; Escort Otoniel Duran waves while walking on the field with Sophomore Maid Ashley Allen; Karmen McNatt twirls her streamers before the presentation of the Homecoming Court. PHOTOS BY DANIEL WINDHAM, ANNAMARIE KIRKWOOD AND KARMEN DAVIDSON



# Jones employees star in current LLT production

### STORY SUBMITTED

Laurel Little Theatre continues its 59th season with a November production of the Neil Simon comedy “BROADWAY BOUND”

Running over two weekends for six performances, it’s sure to delight the LLT audiences in their 1927 Downtown Arabian Theatre.

Evening performances are November 1, 2, 8, 9 at 7:30PM, and on November 3 & 10, the Sunday matinees are at 2PM.

The LLT reservation line answers 24 hours a day during the two show weeks at 601-428-0140.

This show was one of the last plays that Neil Simon’s wrote. It tells the true story of his own beginning as a comedy writer in radio and television back in the 1950s, and as he progressed to writing for the Broadway stage and movie screenplays.

When the original production of “BROADWAY BOUND” opened in New York in 1988, it received many nominations and multiple Tony, Drama Desk and Critic Circle Awards, as well as being a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize.

JCJC students, alumni and staff have always been active in LLT productions - but for this show, virtually the entire cast and crew are connected to Jones.

Rick Youngblood is directing the show and also plays Neil Simon’s alter ego character of ‘Eugene.’ Rick is the JCJC Chief Financial Officer and Chief Academic Officer. He and wife Lara and children Emily and

Luke live in Ellisville. Rick’s been involved in many LLT productions and served as the LLT board president for several years.

The other cast members are all from the Pine Belt area:

Artist Mark Brown is the department chair of the Visual Arts Division at JCJC. He’s also involved in the new Free State Records studio at Jones.

Christine Buckler-Liverett is another long time alumni of LLT productions, dating back to her first shows in the 1980s. She’s a professor of education at William Carey.

Jason Dedwylder has served at JCJC in various capacities over the last 13 years. He’s now the Dean of Academic Affairs at Jones. Before that, he was a legislative aide in Washington, DC.

Luke Hammonds grew up in the area, then was off for six years in the US Marine Corps before returning to the Pine Belt area. He’s now

the HR Director at JCJC.

Catherine Nowicki is a equity actress that’s appeared in professional shows from Off-Broadway in NYC to as far away as Japan. Since moving to Laurel, she’s become well known for outstanding roles played at LLT and HCLO. She worked with JCJC’s theatre department on many shows in the past

This play is touching, funny and moving - a show not to be missed! It’s not really for young audiences, but appropriate for all adult ages.

Single tickets are available, but the best deal is a 4-punch LLT season ticket that saves up to 24% off the single ticket prices. Just call in reservation for performance date and then the ticket transaction is handled at the door. The reservation line opens October 25.

For information on tickets or any other questions, you can mail LLTLaurelMS@aol.com.



Jones employees involved in the performance include, left to right, Mark Brown, Luke Hammonds, Jason Dedwylder and Rick Youngblood. Also pictured are Christine Buckler-Liverett (seated) and Catherine Nowicki. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Music

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low-fi beat and King Princess’s consistently harmonious voice, expresses how people can trust no one with anything, but there is always that one person they choose to confide in for whatever reason. “Watching My Phone” is sure to be a song that will fill anyone’s eyes with tears, especially if he

or she is going through a breakup. The quiet, lonely ballad perfectly encompasses the loneliness one truly feels after breaking up with someone they truly care about. “You Destroyed My Heart” is a bit more upbeat than one would imagine after reading its title, but the content of the song is exactly what you would imagine it to be: “You hurt me - literally destroyed my heart - and now I want to find someone better.”

“Hit the Back” has easily become a fan-favorite, and many listeners claim the fun, funky and electronic hit to be a “bottom-anthem.” “If You Think It’s Love” is an anthem about the singer reclaiming her confidence and blatantly saying, “It is what it is.” King Princess’s debut album has been highly anticipated, especially by her loyal listeners and followers. It’s sure to do well in the following months - not bad for a cheap queen.

## Climate

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last 35 years are when most warming occurred.

The oceans absorb heat from the atmosphere, and the first few meters of the ocean can store enough heat to match the entirety of Earth’s atmosphere. When the planet warms, problems arise. If the oceans get too warm, sea life must learn to adapt to the changing temperatures- or risk extinction.

In August, it was reported by multiple news outlets like CNN, CBS and NBC that the Amazon rainforest was burning. According to CNN, activists blame Brazil’s president, Jair Bolsonaro, because of his support for deforestation and his lack of environmental controls.

According to Brazil’s research space center, the National Institute for Space Research (INPE), the fires burned at an alarming rate. The fires are burning at the highest rate since the research center began tracking them in 2013. The IPNE said the flames destroyed one and a half football fields of rainforest every minute of every day. According to USA Today, the Amazon rainforest was still burning as of October 18 but the number of fires had decreased by 35% since September.

The Amazon rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world. Environmentalist says if the Amazon was to burn to a point of no

return, it could become a dry savannah, no longer habitable to the wildlife that lives there. If this were to happen, it could create more carbon dioxide, causing a bigger problem for our climate crisis.

The burning rainforest isn’t our only problem with the changing climate. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, or NRDC, and a recent UN report, our oceans are becoming barren, precious wildlife is becoming extinct and more forests are becoming flat.

According to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, more than a million plants and animal species face possible extinction, and many can happen within the next decades.

According to National Geographic, coral reefs and mangroves protect coastal areas from storms, and wetlands reduce flooding by absorbing rainfall. Yet each of these ecosystems has declined dramatically. Wetlands are down 15%, and coral reefs are becoming bleached causing a global crisis.

According to National Geographic, parts of the ocean now have little life. Some tropical forests are quiet because insects have disappeared, and grasslands are becoming dry deserts. Human activities stated before have resulted in more than 75% of alterations of Earth’s land as well as

the oceans. There are 400 dead zones in the ocean where life is scarce.

Without nature, there is no Earth.

Saving the planet starts with its inhabitants. The time to act is now if there is any hope of saving the planet and the beautiful creatures, plus ourselves. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, there are a few simple ways to create a healthier planet.

- Reduce, Reuse and recycle. It wasn’t just a catchy song they taught in elementary school. Limiting everything that is thrown away in homes can limit the amount of trash in oceans and landfills.
- Volunteer to clean local communities and the beaches.
- Conserve water. When less water is used, it limits the amount of runoff and water waste that ends up in the oceans.
- Choose nontoxic chemicals when cleaning to prevent hazardous chemicals from getting into our water.
- When shopping use less plastic by buying reusable shopping bags.
- Educate one’s self more so others can learn about the importance of natural resources.
- Plant a tree. It’ll provide oxygen, food and help clean the air.
- Bike more. Drive less.
- Saving the planet should be a priority on everyone’s list, and a few simple things can give hope of having a healthy planet once more. The time is now.

## Valid

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websites include FactCheck.org., Politifact and Snopes.

FactCheck.org fact-checks claims made by politicians, congress and other political sources by reviewing ads, databases, speeches and news releases.

Politifact.com fact-

checks claims made by federal, state and local politicians. It includes political parties, political action committees and advocacy groups. Politifact rates the accuracy of these claims on its Truth-O-Meter.

Snopes.com started out investigating urban legends, hoaxes and rumors that came from chain emails. Now, they are one of the most

often used fact-checking websites.

Fake news will continue to be a hot topic as long as there are people who create it, people who share it and those who criticize factual news. When surfing the web, think before tweeting or sharing. Fully understand what is being read before becoming culpable in the spread of misinformation.

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